


Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
Mitt Romney, Governor ♦ Kerry Healey, Lt. Governor ♦ Jane Wallis Gumble, Director

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Community Action Agency Executive Directors  
**FROM:** Jane Wallis Gumble, Director, DHCD   
**DATE:** January 7, 2005  
**RE:** CSBG Special Projects Scholarship Program Grant Application

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On behalf of Governor Mitt Romney, I am pleased to announce that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is accepting applications from Massachusetts Community Action Agencies (CAAs) for participation in the fiscal year 2004 CSBG Special Projects Scholarship Program. Applications will be accepted until **3:00 P.M. on Friday, January 28, 2005.**

The Scholarship Program is intended to provide financial assistance to low-income persons who are interested in furthering their education and improving their employment skills. It is hoped that through this initiative additional self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income Massachusetts residents are created, educational opportunities for low-income individuals are enhanced, and a stronger workforce is developed.

Annually, the Department of Housing and Community Development receives Community Services Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Service, Administration for Children and Families, Office for Community Service, of which 5% may be awarded at the discretion of DHCD's Director to support a wide range of anti-poverty and self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income families. A total of \$130,000 of the 5% discretionary funds will be awarded through the fiscal year 2004 CSBG Special Projects Scholarship Program.

Fiscal year 2004 Scholarship Program awards will be granted to CAAs that exhibit past experience in developing and delivering education services/programs, solid systems to develop and implement the Scholarship Program, and the ability to evaluate and track program's success and impact on participants.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact your CSBG program representative.